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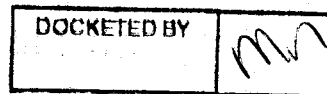
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The Honorable Gary Pierce  
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Dear Commissioner Pierce,

My constituents in rural district three are concerned in regards to the loss of the 1000 feet free extension from the utilities companies and the exorbitant cost they are charging to bring service.

In rural Arizona this is an unnecessary hardship for our property owners. The state of Arizona is suffering a drop in real estate and this additional fee is making matters worse. Why would you give the power companies a rate increase and at the same time allow them to drop free extension? This seems to be a double rate increase. I do not see why you would not set parameters on the cost they can charge?


Unfortunately we do not have a choice in where we can go to purchase our electricity and are forced to use the existing monopoly. When the property owner begins their service, the companies then make thousands of dollars over their life time. In the past, monthly payments already included the cost of expansion that the company was projecting for growth; I do not see why this practice could not continue.

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My constituents and I hope that you will reconsider the existing APS policy pertaining to the cost of power extensions and reinstate the 1000 feet no-cost power extension.

Thank you for looking into this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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